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AADR Announces Distinguished Scientist Award

Alexandria, Va. – The American Association for Dental Research (AADR) recently announced Kenneth M. Yamada as the 2008 AADR Distinguished Scientist Award recipient. Yamada, branch chief, Craniofacial Developmental Biology and Regeneration Branch, at the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research will be awarded \$5000 and travel costs, which are generously supported by GlaxoSmithKline, at the 37th AADR Annual Meeting & Exhibition, April 2-5, in Dallas, Texas.

The AADR Distinguished Scientist Award is given every two years to recognize a distinguished scientist who has contributed outstanding research of particular significance in any of the fields related to oral science. Yamada has contributed multiple advances toward our current understanding of the mechanisms of the extracellular matrix. He is an editor of the *Journal of Cell Biology* and is currently an associate editor or editorial board member of eight additional journals. In addition, Yamada serves on a number of major National Institutes of Health (NIH) committees for promotion, administration, and ethics, as well as on the Councils of the major societies in the fields of cell and matrix biology.

“The AADR is pleased to recognize Dr. Yamada with the 2008 AADR Distinguished Scientist Award,” said AADR President Marc Heft. “His contributions have been significant to our mission of advancing research and the improvement of oral health.”

About the American Association for Dental Research

The American Association for Dental Research (AADR), headquartered in Alexandria, Va., is a non-profit organization with more than 4,000 members in the United States. Its mission is: (1) to advance research and increase knowledge for the improvement of oral health; (2) to support and represent the oral health research community; and (3) to facilitate the communication and application of research findings. The AADR is the largest Division of the International Association for Dental Research (IADR).

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